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SOSA RODRIGUEZ (VENEZUELA) CALLED ON YOST TODAY TO EXPRESS CONCERN THAT US NOT GET TRAPPED INTO COMMITMENTS RE CUBA BEYOND THE GUARANTEE AGAINST "INVASION" STIPULATED IN PRES KENNEDY'S LETTER TO KHRUSHCHEV.

SOSA FEARS WE MAY GET PRESSURE FOR OTHER COMMITMENTS FROM SYG, WHO, IN MTG WITH LA COMITE FRI NIGHT, SPOKE AS WELL OF US GUARANTEES AGAINST AID TO REFUGEES, FORAYS FROM US, ETC. SOSA SAYS ANY SUCH ADDITIONAL GUARANTEES WOULD ALLOW INTERPRETATION THAT ALMOST ANY ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN US OR LA WAS AN ANTI-CASTRO VIOLATION OF GUARANTEES WHILE THE COMMUNISTS WOULD BE ASSURED A BRIDGEHEAD INTO THE AMERICAS FROM WHICH TO CONTINUE SUBVERSION. THIS WOULD BE A GREAT DEFEAT IN THE LONG RUN FOR US AND FOR LA, SOSA FEARED.

YOST ASSURED HIM THAT STEVENSON AND WASHINGTON OFFICIALS VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE DANGER AND HAD NO INTENTION ENLARGE UPON US COMMITMENT NOT TO INVADE CUBA. YOST AGREED ALSO AS TO ADVISABILITY EMPHASIZE AGAIN TO U THANT LIMITS OF US GUARANTEE.

SOSA ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF SURVEILLANCE OF CUBAN SITES PENDING U THANT'S ARRIVAL WHICH HE THINKS OVERLY DELAYED. YOST TOLD HIM THIS PROBLEM BEING WORKED UPON AND THAT WE RECOGNIZE NEED FOR CONTINUING INFO.

STEVENSON

MJA

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